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GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MEAT

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE ISSUE OF SIZE OF DELEGATIONS TO PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MEAT. THEIR VIEW--NOT YET CONFIRMED BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA--IS THAT OBVIOUSLY DELEGATIONS WILL BE COMPOSED OF MORE THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL DELEGATE, BUT THAT THEY ENVISAGE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATIONS OR "ADVISORS" WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM TRADE OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL MINISTRIES INVOLVED. THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT ENVISAGE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES AS MEMBERS OF THE EC DELEGATION, BUT RATHER THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF EC DELEGATION WILL BE EXPERTS FROM THE COMMISSION ITSELF. PRESUMABLY SAME PRINCIPLE WOULD APPLY TO DELEGATION FROM MEXICO AND/OR CENTRAL AMERICA, I.E., THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL DELEGATION MEMBERS OTHER THAN THE PRINCIPAL DELEGATE, AND THESE MIGHT COME FROM BUT WOULD NOT REPRESENT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

2. AUSTRALIANS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN HERE ABOUT CENTRAL AMERICAN AND MEXICAN REPRESENTATION, AND HAVE TOLD US THEY EXPECT CANBERRA TO INSTRUCT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY TO MAKE PLEA TO GOM URGING MEXICANS NOT PUSH FOR REPRESENTATION OF THEMSELVES OR CENTRAL AMERICA AT MEAT MEETING. THEY ASKED IF U.S. ACTIVELY PUSHING FOR SUCH REPRESENTATION. WE REPLIED ALONG LINES OF POSITION AS STATED PARA 5 OF STATE 176665, NOTING THAT WE FAVOR REPRESENTATION IF MEXICANS AND CENTRAL AMERICANS DEEM IT DESIRABLE, BUT THAT OUR COMMITMENT FOR SUPPORT CONTINGENT UPON THEIR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING AND ON JOINT REPRESENTATION. WE TOLD AUSTRALIANS WE WOULD BE REPORTING MEXICAN REACTION AS SOON AS AMEMBASSY MEXICO HAD REPORTED TO US THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT BY RITA PETTERSEN AND RAMOS CANTORAL THROUGH CENTRAL AMERICA NEXT WEEK. KISSINGER

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